Fleet Surgical Team (FST) Trauma Training Course and BATAAN Mass Casualty Exercise

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Overall Classification
Unclassified

BATAAN Mass Casualty Exercise

- Joint / Fleet Ops
- Warfighting & Readiness
- GFM
- Regional Partnerships
- Sailors/Civ/Fam
- Safety

(U) Nature of Brief

- **(U) Information** / Decision
- (U) Decision Level (4/3/2/1 Star)
- (U) Source Documents:
- (U) C2:
- (U) Next Update:
- (U) Results Brief Back:

(U) Problem Statement / Issue

- **(U) LA County Trauma Center previously provided excellent hands on trauma training**
- **(U) Changes have limited ongoing meaningful provider participation**
- **(U) Need for realistic scenario based training simulation**

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(U) Background / Actions to Date

- **(U) Didactic course and simulation model developed on West Coast**
- **(U) Fiscal/budgetary constraints removed support at last moment**
- **(U) SURFLANT in coordination with USFF replicated**

(U) Recommendation

- **(U) Informational only**

(U) Decision

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- **Organized by SURFLANT with strong support of NMCP clinical departments, SIM CENTER and USFFC***
- **Weeklong evolution including didactic curriculum, SIM CENTER training and an all day**

*Commercial cooperation and Hollywood level special effects/moulage

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“First step in assessing a trauma patient…check your own pulse.”

-Trauma teams were developed during BATAAN PHIBRON MARINE INTEGRATED TRAINING (PMINT) and ARG/MEU exercises
-Involved 3 FSTs (FST 6); 3 waves of approximately 15 patients each
-Internal and external observers; Hot wash after each wave and EOD
-Exercised triage, receiving bays, OR, ICU including lab, x-ray, MAOs

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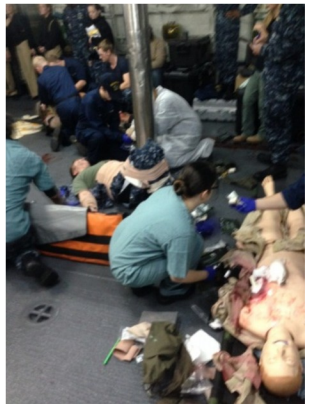
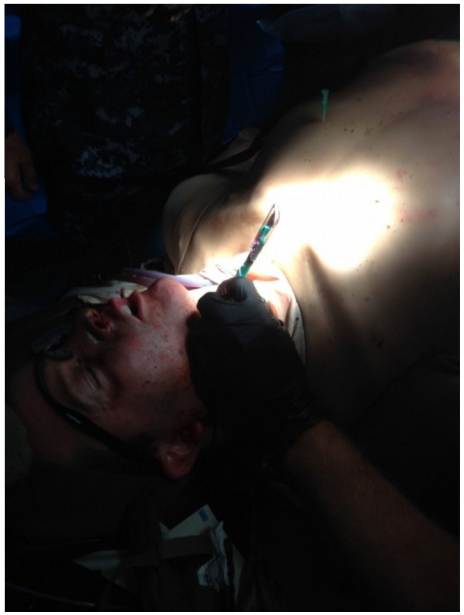
Functional simulators allowed:

- Vital sign assessment
- Airway management
- IV/IO
- Needle decompression
- Chest tube placement
- Surgical airway
- External fixators
- Tourniquet app/hemorrhage control
- Laparotomy
- Thoracotomy





Outcomes/Lessons Learned

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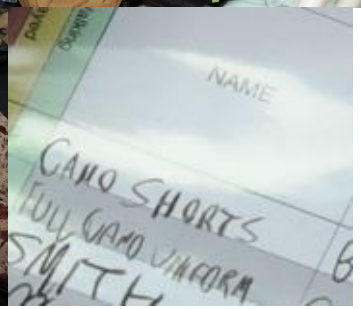
- **A high bar has been set**
- **Post exercise survey of participants revealed a high degree of satisfaction (greater confidence/resiliency advantage)**
- **Line officers also indicated heightened confidence level in LHD capability**
- **Disproportionate knowledge and skill deficits were noted along unit alignment**

Lessons Learned

- Triage
- Communication
- Coordination/hand-offs
- Knowledge/location of inventory
- Proper in-service on infrequently used equipment
- Patient tracking



Future Plans

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- **Include Ship's Company to fullest extent possible in all aspects of training**
- **Involve Marine component in exercise as part of integrated certification**

- **Develop formalized training-simulation-certification packages for multiple platforms (BUMED/USFF)**

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